

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes  
April 15, 2013 EPC Regular Meeting

**EPC Members in Attendance**

✓	Josh Sawislak (Chair)	✓	Sam Gaugush	✓	Kurt Moser
✓	Chinling Chen	✓	Scott Barstow	X	Geoffrey Goode
✓	Steve Walz	✓	Ryan Sloan	✓	Rebecca Jablon
✓	Ryan Wojtanowski	✓	Monica Starnes	✓	Jim Kapsis
✓	Patrick Holman				

[✓ = In attendance    X= Absent]

**City Staff**

Khoa Tran, Lalit Sharma

**Begin 6:30 PM**

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Josh called the meeting to order and welcomed Patrick Holman to the EPC

**Tour of AlexRenew Operations**

- Adrienne Fancher and Johnnie Wallace of AlexRenew provided a tour of the operations at AlexRenew to the EPC.

**Public Comments**

- Glenda Booth, President of Friends of Dyke Marsh, asked for EPC support for restoration of Dyke Marsh. Dyke Marsh is a rare freshwater, tidal wetland along the Potomac River, and is home to endangered and threatened species of birds.
- The U.S. National Park Service is proposing four restoration options – the Friends of Dyke Marsh supports Option D – Full Restoration.
- The motion was raised, and carried unanimously, that the EPC should encourage the Mayor and City Council to write a letter of support from the City.

**Updates on AlexRenew Enterprises, Johnnie Wallace, Environmental Health & Safety Manager**

- The Alexandria Sanitation Authority became AlexRenew on Earth Day 2012.
- AlexRenew cleans approximately 13.2 billion gallons of dirty water each year for nearly 350,000 people in Alexandria and part of Fairfax County.
- AlexRenew has three products: reclaimed water, biosolids and digester gas.
  - o Water is reused on site as much as possible, for plant maintenance and cleaning. In 2011, nearly 1.3 billion gallons of water were reused.
  - o The biosolids is provided to Virginia farmers as a nutrient-rich fertilizer.
  - o Digester gas is a cheaper alternative to natural gas.
- Johnnie gave a brief overview of the status of Virginia's State of the Art Nitrogen Upgrade Program (SANUP) and how the ASA is meeting SANUP's requirements and mandates. The Nutrient Management Facility is set to be complete by Summer 2016.
- Plans also include rehabilitation for the Four Mile Run Pump Station; the existing pump station will eventually be demolished as the new one goes online.
- AlexRenew is soliciting public comments on rate readjustments until June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**2013 Alexandria Earth Day Parking Management, Jennifer Hovis, Chair, Earth Day Planning Committee; Maureen Sturgill, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities**

- Jennifer and Maureen gave an overview of Earth Day logistics, particularly parking.
- Ryan W. offered to look into getting small flags to keep visitors from parking on the grass.
- Jennifer will provide a list to parking attendants as to who can park in the VIP area.
- She encouraged everyone to come out on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The special events hotline is: 703.746.5592

**Administrative Updates**

- The March 18<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

**Adjourn 9:00 PM**